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Lesson 7 Vocabulary Words

Directions: Write a sentence for each word.

1. axiomatic –

2. definitive –

3. dialectic –

4. empirical –

5. presuppose –

6. rationalize –

7. rebuttal –

8. repudiate –

9. tenuous –

10. verifiable –

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Lesson 7 Exercises

WRITE THE CORRECT WORD

Write the correct word in the space next to each definition.

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| _____ 1. conclusive; decisive | _____ 6. able to be proved |
| _____ 2. self-evident | _____ 7. a refutation |
| _____ 3. flimsy; weak | _____ 8. to presume |
| _____ 4. to interpret from a logical standpoint | _____ 9. to reject the validity of |
| _____ 5. based on observation or experiment | _____ 10. the exchange of logical arguments to find the truth |

COMPLETE THE SENTENCE

Write the letter for the word that best completes each sentence.

- _____ 1. To most endurance athletes, the phrase "no pain, no gain" is _____.
a. dialectical b. rationalized c. axiomatic d. rebutted
- _____ 2. _____ that she'd be able to leave work early, Jocelyn made a plan to visit her aunt.
a. Presupposing b. Rebutting c. Repudiating d. Rationalizing
- _____ 3. In his _____, Mr. Stegall pointed out the flaws in logic in his opponent's claim.
a. empiricism b. axiom c. rebuttal d. rationalization
- _____ 4. Charlotte thinks that she has the _____ answers to all the tough philosophical questions.
a. tenuous b. repudiated c. dialectical d. definitive
- _____ 5. The defense attorney brought in witnesses to _____ the testimony that had incriminated her client.
a. verify b. repudiate c. rationalize d. presuppose
- _____ 6. The refinement of many machines has been the result of _____ observation.
a. axiomatic b. tenuous c. dialectic d. empirical
- _____ 7. His _____ theories could not be proven.
a. empirical b. tenuous c. definitive d. verifiable
- _____ 8. If you want to learn from a(n) _____, you can't take the "arguments" personally.
a. presupposition b. axiom c. dialectic d. rationalization
- _____ 9. How can a person with so much to do _____ watching so much television?
a. rationalize b. presuppose c. rebut d. verify
- _____ 10. We hope that the stories presented on the news come from _____ sources.
a. axiomatic b. rationalized c. rebutted d. verifiable

Challenge: Frankie's rationalizations for buying the new car were _____, especially since she'd made the decision based on a groundless _____ that she'd get a raise.
a. verifiable...dialectic b. definitive...axiom c. tenuous...presupposition

- _____ 3. After much pressure, the board of directors _____ agreed to oust the inept CEO. (*definitive*)
- _____ 4. Geometry involves solving problems based on certain _____. (*axiomatic*)
- _____ 5. If no _____ evidence for a theory has been discovered yet, does that mean the theory is wrong? (*empirical*)
- _____ 6. The customer service representative asked me for my date of birth and my mother's maiden name in order to _____ my identity. (*verifiable*)
- _____ 7. The stubborn man desperately clung to his _____ argument, just as a climber would cling to a fraying rope. (*tenuous*)
- _____ 8. The Declaration of Independence was a _____ of Great Britain's control over the American colonies. (*repudiate*)
- _____ 9. She began _____ her friend's argument with the simple phrase, "That would make sense, except that it's untrue." (*rebuttal*)
- _____ 10. The philosophy students studied the _____ of Socrates and Plato. (*dialectic*)

FIND THE EXAMPLE

Choose the answer that best describes the action or situation.

- _____ 1. The source of a *definitive* ruling on a lawsuit
a. bailiff b. defendant c. judge d. claimant
- _____ 2. A discipline based on *empirical* data
a. astrology b. chemistry c. philosophy d. theater
- _____ 3. Something modeled around *dialectics*
a. a battle b. a soccer game c. a debate d. a painful emotion
- _____ 4. Something you would most likely *presuppose* about a veterinarian
a. owns many animals b. is a vegetarian c. will save your pet d. is certified
- _____ 5. Something you'd be most likely to *rationalize*
a. buying a CD b. doing homework c. acing a test d. cleaning the kitchen
- _____ 6. Something *verifiable*
a. meaning of life b. truth of an opinion c. size of Ohio d. best ice-cream flavor
- _____ 7. A word that describes a person with a *tenuous* grasp of a situation
a. informed b. authoritative c. uninformed d. knowledgeable
- _____ 8. The most likely beginning of a *rebuttal*
a. Who are you? b. Hello! c. I agree totally. d. That's all wrong.
- _____ 9. Statement most people consider *axiomatic*
a. Music is bad. b. Blue is best. c. Pollution is fine. d. People deserve respect
- _____ 10. How you might *repudiate* a claim
a. explain it in detail b. repeat it twice c. prove it is false d. ignore it completely